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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. THE TWO PUBLICLY ORGANIZED
PROTEST GROUPS, THE WORKERS DEFENSE COMMITTEE AND THE MOVEMENT

FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS, HAVE CONTINUED SIMILAR,
BUT SEPARATE, ACTIVITIES SINCE THE DEATH OF STANSLAW PYJAS.
THERE APPEAR, HOWEVER, TO BE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES

BETWEEN THEM. END SUMMARY.

2. THREE MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN
AND CIVIL RIGHTS, STEFAN KACZOROWSKI, LESZEK MOCZULSKI,

AND WOJCIECH ZIEMBINSKI, VISITED THE EMBASSY ON JUNE 21
AND DISCUSSED THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER.

THEY CHARACTERIZED THEMSELVES AS AN "OPPOSITION MOVEMENT"
WHICH REJECTED THE PRESENT SYSTEM, IN CONTRAST TO THE

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"DISSIDENTS" OF THE WORKERS DEFENSE COMMITTEE (WDC), WHO OPPOSE
THE METHODS, BUT NOT THE PRINCIPLES, OF THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP.
THEY EMPHASIZED THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE STRICTLY LEGAL,

AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLISH LAW. THEY SHOWED US A LETTER
TO THE MARSHAL OF THE SEJM, DATED JUNE 15, CALLING

FOR A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO REVISE POLISH LAWS WHICH ARE NOT
IN AGREEMENT WITH THE POLISH CONSTITUTION. THEY ALS GAVE

US A COPY OF THE SECOND NUMBER OF "OPINIA," A PHOTOGRAPH-

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ICALLY REPRODUCED PAMPHLET WITH A CIRCULATION OF 2,000.

THESE DOCUMENTS WILL BE POUCHED TO EUR/EE, ATTENTION ALAN THOMPSON, FOR APPROPRIATE DISTRIBUTION.

3. THE PAMPHLET REPORTS SOCIAL PROTESTS IN MAY; EVENTS

RELATED TO THE DEATH OF STANISLAW PYJAS AND THE WARSAW HUMGER STRIKE, AS WELL AS PUBLICATIONS OF THE WORKERS

DEFENSE COMMITTEE. THE PAMPHLET ALSO INCLUDES EDITORIAL CRITICISM OF THE SOVIET APPROACH TO BELGRADE, CIRITICISM

OF POLISH LAWS BEARING ON PRIVATE FARMERS, AND PRAISE FOR THE POLISH NATIONAL TRADITION OF REJECTING ARBITARY RULE.

OTHER EDITORIALS CRITIZE POLISH PRESS COMMENTARY. A LETTER SUPPORTING THE MOVEMENT FROM A PRIVATE CITIZEN

IS ALSO REPRODUCED.

4. A WESTERN CORRESPONDENT TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER ON JUNE 21 THAT THE WORKERS DEFENSE COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO BE ACTIVE,

DESPITE THE IMPRISONMENT OF ITS LEADERS AND REDUCED FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIED. ON JUNE 20, HALINA MIKOLAJSKA, THE ACRING SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE, GAVE THE NEWSMEN

COPIES OF THE THREE PETITIONS CALLING FOR RELEASE OF THE IMPRISONED WDC MEMBERS. WRITER JACEK BOCHENSKI SPONSORED

ONE PETITION, WHICH WAS SIGNED BY 99 WARSAW STUDENTS. A SECOND PETITION ORIGINATING IN WARSAW WAS SIGNED BY 425

PEOPLE, OF WHOM 80 PERCENT ARE INTELLECTUALS. ACCORDING TO CONFIDENTIAL

THE NEWSMAN, FATHER JAN ZIEJA ARRANGED THE THIRD

PETITION, WHICH WAS SIGNED BY 329 VILLAGERS FROM ZBROZA DUZA. THE PETITION RECALLED THE DESTRUCTION OF A CHAPEL

ERECTED BY THE VILLAGERS LAST YEAR, AND EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY WITH THE WDC AND WELL AS THE FIVE WORKERS STILL IMPRISONED

FOR THEIR ACTIVITY DURING THE JUNE, 1976, PRICE-RISE DISTUR-

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BANCES.

5. THE CORRESPONDENT HAD IN HIS POSSESSION THE STATEMENT

OF THREE STUDENTS FROM THE GDANSK POLITECHNIC WHO
ANNOUNCED A HUNGER STRIKE ON JUNE 15 IN SUPPORT OF THE

JAILED WDC MEMBERS. THE STRIKE WAS CALLED OFF AFTER TWO
DAYS, LARGELY BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES.

IT APPEARS THAT THE STRIKE WAS THE INITIATIVE OF THE
STUDENTS THEMSELVES, RATHER THAN OF A LARGE GROUP. BOTH

THE WDC AND THE MOVEMENT ISSUED ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT THE
HUNGER STRIKE ON JUNE 18.

6. ACCORDING TO THE WESTERN CORRESPONDENT, HALINA

MIKOLAJSKA HAS SAID THE WORKERS DEFENSE COMMITTEE
REPUDIATED THE MOVEMENT FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN AND
CIVIL RIGHTS BECAUSE, PARTICIPANTS IN THE ANTI-SEMITIC

CAMPAIGN OF 1968 WERE AMONG ITS ORGANIZERS.
SHE NAMED LESZEK MOCZULSKI, A FORMER EDITOR OF

STOLICA MAGAZINE, WHICH REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN UNDER MOCZAR'S
PATRONAGE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IN ADDITION TO IDEOLOGICAL

OBJECTIONS TO THE WDC, THE PREPRESENTATIVES OF THE MOVEMENT
COMPLAINED THAT SOME COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE TRYING TO MAKE

CAREERS OUT OF THE PROTEST MOVEMENT.

8. COMMENT: THE MOVEMENT REPRESENTATIVES, TWO OF WHOM ARE

ALSO MEMBERS OF THE WDC, MAY WELL HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO
JACZEK KURON, WHO REPORTEDLY TOLD A WEST GERMAN TELEVISION

REPORTER RECENTLY THAT HE WOULD NOT MIND JAIL BECAUSE IT HAD
BEEN THE STARTING POINT FOR A NUMBER OF POLISH POLITICAL

CAREERS, INCLUDING GOMULKA'S.
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9. WHILE THE TWO GROUPS OBVIOUSLY DISAGREE WITH EACH OTHER, THEY HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WHICH

WOULD BE DAMAGING TO BOTH ORGANIZATIONS. THE FACT THAT THE NAMES OF ZIEMBINSKI, PAJDAK, AND KACZOROWSKI APPEAR IN THE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF BOTH GROUPS, SUGGESTS THAT PLURALISM

HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY BOTH GROUPS AS THE LESSER EVIL. END COMMENT.

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